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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the office action mailed May 9, 2005. Reconsideration of the final rejection of claims 8-13 and 15 is respectfully requested in view of the proposed amendments and the comments that follow. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response that accompanies this paper, including the requisite fee.

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendment to Specification**

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION.